

Olive Tower
1624 Boren Avenue
Seattle
King County
Washington

HABS No. WA-167

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STATE Washington	COUNTY King	TOWN OR VICINITY Seattle
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Olive Tower		HABS NO. WA-167
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE Olive Tower		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 1624 Boren Avenue, Seattle, Washington		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1928 Washington State Architect	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Earl Morrison	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) The Olive Tower is a fourteen story modernistic apartment house, simply executed in a cream colored stucco finish with ivory colored terra cotta trim. Its vertical emphasis and Gothic treatment of upper stories (below		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Modernistic		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Steel frame construction with reinforced concrete.		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) 60' X 50" tower; 70' X 40' base.		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Strong vertical emphasis of the facade; Wa-Co face brick at top of building; decorative frieze of medallions beneath Tudor arches at base.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Entry has interesting tile and panels in Tudor style. Otherwise, interior has little or no ornament.		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES 1952 and 1962; New cabanas added.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Presently deteriorated; apartments.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Request for Determination of Eligibility, METRO Downtown Transit Project, February 1984.		
COMPILER, AFFILIATION Ellen Miller-Wolfe, City of Seattle, Office of Urban Conservation	DATE 3/7/85	

Significance Continued: are most illustrative of the Modernistic Style.